

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
**Social Services Portfolio**  
**2014-15 Budget Estimates Hearings**

**Outcome Number: 1**

**Question No: 493**

**Topic: Remove relocation assistance for students relocating within or between major cities**

**Hansard Page: Written**

**Senator Brown** asked:

How many people does the Department believe will be impacted by this measure each year?

- a. How much will they lose? How much assistance can you receive under this scheme?
- b. To whom is this support available?

**Answer:**

The following table provides an estimate of the number of students affected by the 2014-15 Budget measure to restrict the Relocation Scholarship for students relocating within or between major cities, from 1 January 2015.

<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>
11,987*	24,300	24,923	25,492

\* Part year affect as measure does not commence until 1 January 2015.

- a. The Relocation Scholarship is currently valued at \$4,145 in the first year the student is required to live away from home and \$1,036 each year thereafter for students relocating from major cities (2014 rates). Recognising that they may have higher costs, students relocating from regional areas are eligible for a higher rate of \$2,073 in the second and third year they are required to live away from home to study. These amounts are indexed annually.
- b. Under this measure, the Relocation Scholarship will be available to dependent students (and some independent students) receiving Youth Allowance (student) or ABSTUDY (Living Allowance) who are required to move from or to a regional area to study. Students relocating from major cities will only remain eligible for the Relocation Scholarship if they relocate to study at a regional campus.